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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO  
STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF  
REPURPOSING LEAHI HOSPITAL AND MALUHIA HOSPITAL AS CENTERS  
FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
TREATMENT SERVICES FOR NON-FORENSIC PATIENTS.

1 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for expanded community-  
2 based mental health and substance abuse treatment services in  
3 Hawaii and the only State facility for such services is the  
4 Hawaii State Hospital, which is at capacity and exclusively used  
5 to treat forensic patients; and  
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7 WHEREAS, a significant contributing factor to high forensic  
8 utilization is due to individuals ordered to the Hawaii State  
9 Hospital for temporary hospitalization for lack of alternative  
10 treatment options; and  
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12 WHEREAS, beds provided on contract by the private sector in  
13 Hawaii and on the mainland cost over thirteen million dollars  
14 per year; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Legislature has appropriated funds for the  
17 design and construction of a new secure forensic patient  
18 facility to be completed but there is no additional provision  
19 for beds and other services for patients who do not need the  
20 restrictive environment at Hawaii State Hospital; and  
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22 WHEREAS, community capacity for mental health treatment is  
23 inadequate at outpatient, intermediate, and inpatient levels;  
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26 WHEREAS, public buildings constructed for the provision of  
27 health care, such as Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Hospital,  
28 continue to serve as safety net facilities to meet existing and  
29 emergent community needs; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Hospital have bed space  
2 and facilities appropriate for providing memory care, mental  
3 health, and substance abuse treatment services; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Leahi Hospital is adjacent to Kapiolani Community  
6 College, which has a long history of health care training and  
7 would be well-positioned to serve as a teaching hospital to  
8 train behavioral health workers; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
11 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of  
12 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is  
13 requested to convene a task force to study and make  
14 recommendations on the feasibility of Leahi Hospital and Maluhia  
15 Hospital as centers for community-based mental health and  
16 substance abuse treatment services for non-forensic patients who  
17 do not need the restrictive care necessary at the Hawaii State  
18 Hospital; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
21 consist of not more than nine individuals or their designees,  
22 and to include:  
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- 24 (1) The Director of Health;
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- 26 (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President  
27 of the Senate;
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- 29 (3) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed  
30 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 32 (4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health  
33 Systems Corporation, Oahu Region; and  
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- 35 (5) A representative from the mental health and substance  
36 abuse provider community; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the  
39 Director's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the task  
40 force; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial meeting be held no  
2 later than June 1, 2019; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, with the  
5 assistance of the Department of Health, is requested to submit a  
6 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
7 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
8 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on  
11 June 30, 2020; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
15 Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Attorney General,  
16 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems  
17 Corporation, Regional Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
18 Health Systems Corporation Oahu Region, Senate President, and  
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
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